

Table 1a. Births occurring in North Carolina by Hispanic ethnicity of parent, 1988.

	Births in NC, ^a 1988 n, ^b (%) ^c
Hispanic mother	1,139 (1.2)
Hispanic father	1,389 (1.4)
Total births in NC	97,867 (100)

Data source: Buescher (1991).

^a This table includes data on all births that occurred in NC, regardless of the residence of the parents.

^b Number of births.

^c Percent of total births.

Table 1b. North Carolina births to Hispanic parents, 1988.

	Births to NC residents, ^a 1988 n, ^b (%) ^c
Hispanic mother and/or father	1,889 (1.9)
Total births in NC	97,560 (100)

Data source: State Center for Health & Environmental Statistics (1995).

^a This table includes only those births to parents who resided in NC.

^b Number of births.

^c Percent of total births.

In 1989, the data were similar to those in 1988 (Buescher, 1991). Births to Hispanic mothers were 1.5% of total births, while births to Hispanic fathers were 1.7% of the total (102,752). Using both the mother and father, 2.3% of total births were Hispanic. That represented 2,349 births out of 102,091.

Changes in Hispanic births were calculated for selected counties from 1990 to 1994. Percentage change was calculated as follows: $[(1994 \text{ births} - 1990 \text{ births}) / 1990 \text{ births}] \times 100$. Rather than examine all 100 counties, some of which had very few Hispanics/Latinos, data were examined for the NC counties with at least 20 births in both 1990 and 1994. These counties also had at least 600 Hispanics/Latinos, according to the older estimates (Lopez, 1994), and many had several thousand. Therefore, this work includes counties that would be considered middle density and high density for Hispanics (Lopez, 1994). Even with high numbers of Hispanics, many had too few births to examine changes.